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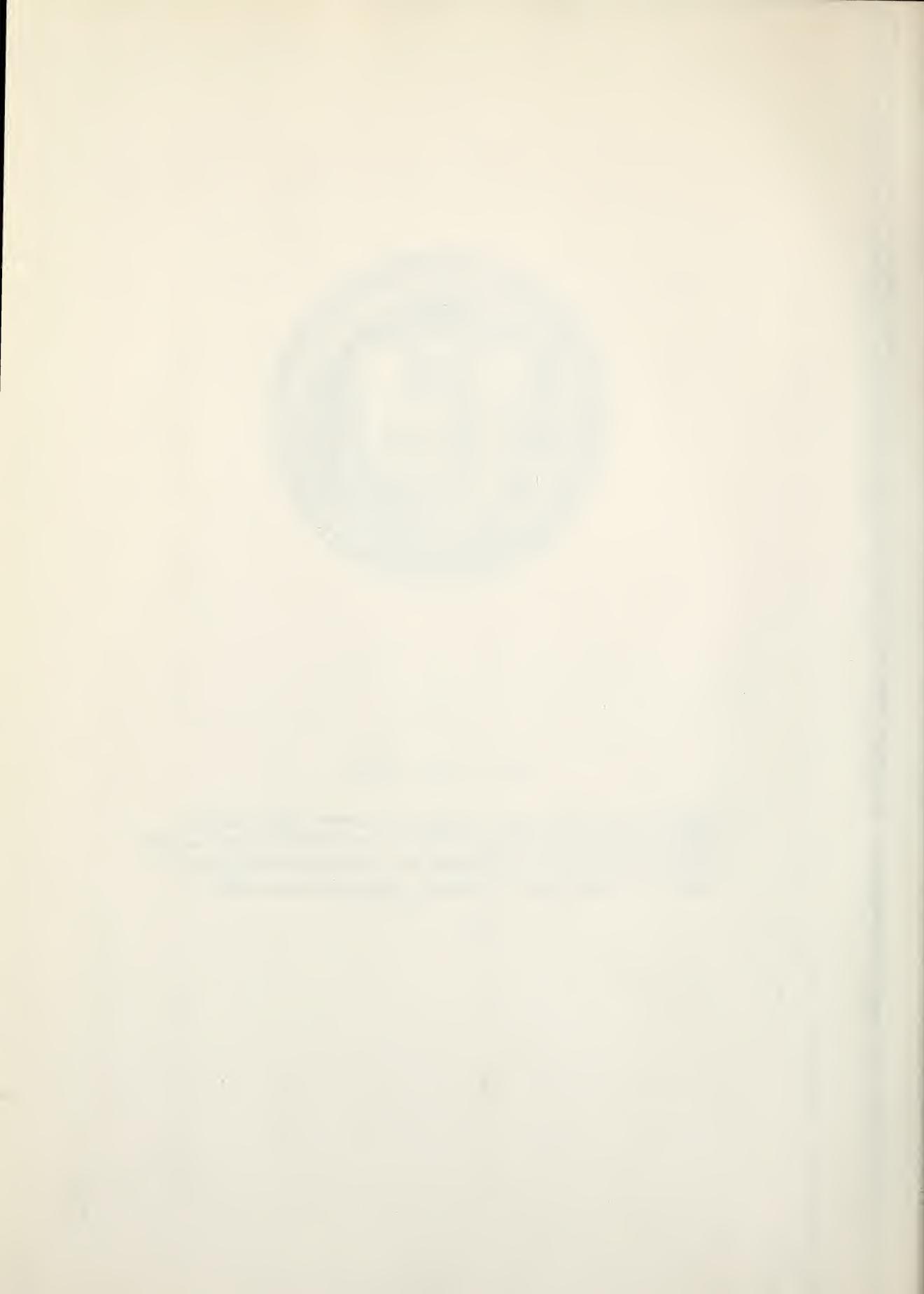
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Θύρας δ' ἐπίθεσθε βεβήλους.

KNOW'ST THOU THE LAND WHERE THE LEMON TREES BLOOM;
WHERE THE GOLD ORANGE GROWS IN THE DEEP THICKET'S GLOOM;
WHERE A WIND EVER SOFT FROM THE BLUE HEAVENS BLOWS,
AND THE GROVES ARE OF LAURAL AND MYRTLE AND ROSE.



Approved by the Council General
of the Society of Colonial Wars, held
in New York City, December 19, 1895.

Fredric L. de Peyster *SECRETARY*
Howard Bell *Sees not General*
Secretary General

General Society of Colonial Wars

GREETING

We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of California, acting under the authority and direction of Holbridge Ozro Collins Esq., who was by your Honorable Body, at a Council General held in the City of Baltimore on the fourteenth day of May 1895, elected Secretary for the State of California. Hereby certify, that at a meeting held in the City of Los Angeles, State of California on said day of November 1895, we organized ourselves as the

Society of Colonial Wars

IN THE STATE

CALIFORNIA

We accept as the eligibility qualification for membership in said California Society, Article II of the Constitution of the General Society, and we adopt for our temporary government so much of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York as may be applicable in the State of California. We further certify that at said meeting the following named gentlemen were elected the Officers for the first year of the existence of said Society, to wit:

Governor HOLBRIDGE OZRO COLLINS. Vice-Governor KENERSKINE MAYO ROSS. Lieutenant Governor MAJ. WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN.
A.M. L.L.B. Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, U.S.A.
Secretary HARRY WOODVILLE LATHAM, A.B. Lawyer, Anti-Slavery
Registrar EDWARD THOMAS HARDEN. Historian BRAUNER WELLS LEE. Chaplain REV. ALEXANDER MOSS MERWIN
Chancellor GEORGE JULES DENIS. Surgeon JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES, M.D.
— United States District Attorney, for the Southern District of California

Gentlemen of the Council

Spencer Doone Thorpe, Chairman. Rev. William Augustus Brewer. Willard Atherton Nichols.
Charles Putnam Tinker. Josiah Alonzo Osgood. Motley Lewis Flint.
Cameron Swaine Thom. Henry Atherton Nichols. Andrew Doone Thorpe.

Wherefore your Petitioners pray that we may be received into the Union of the Society of Colonial Wars. That a charter may be granted to us; and that the General Society will cause due proclamation to be made, that the California Society has been admitted to said Union upon an equal basis with the other Societies.

15 - Emerson Erskine Bowe 16 - Spencer Doone Thorpe 17 - Andrew Doone Thorpe
16 - Erskine Mayo Ross 18 - Holbrook Ross Elderkin 19 - George Jules Denis Member U. S. Society
3 - William Anthony Elderkin Member U. S. Society 19 - Frank Putnam Flint
7 - Edward Thomas Harden 20 - George Jules Denis Member U. S. Society
17 - John Randolph Haynes 6 - Willard Atherton Nichols Member U. S. Society
18 - Brauner Wells Lee 5 - Henry Atherton Nichols Member U. S. Society
9 - Josiah Osgood 4 - Charles Putnam Flint Member U. S. Society
10 - William Augustus Brewer 1 - Rosalie Fox Cushing Member U. S. Society
11 - Harry Woodville Latham



Society of Colonial Wars
in the
State of California

*Societas pia majorum veneratione
Candida, in aeternum floreat.*

REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN AT THE ANNUAL COURT
CONVENED IN LOS ANGELES DECEMBER 21, 1923.

GENTLEMEN!

ON MAY 14, 1895, AT A COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS, HELD IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY, RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES, WAS ELECTED SECRETARY FOR CALIFORNIA, AND REQUESTED TO ORGANIZE A SOCIETY IN THIS STATE.

UPON CONSULTATION WITH GEORGE JULES DENIS, WHO HAD, RECENTLY, BEEN ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF NEW YORK, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL GENTLEMAN OF THIS CITY WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP AND WHO, UNDOUBTEDLY, WOULD BE SOLICITOUS TO BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH A SOCIETY OF OUR ORDER UPON THE PACIFIC COAST.

TO THESE, INVITATIONS WERE TRANSMITTED, AND ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1895, NINETEEN GENTLEMEN, — FOURTEEN IN PERSON AND FIVE BY PROXY — ASSEMBLED IN THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AT THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING, THEN ON THE CORNER OF WINSTON AND MAIN STREETS, AND, AFTER A CAREFUL REPRESENTATION BY THE STATE SECRETARY, AND A THOUGHTFUL AND EARNEST DISCUSSION, THEY ORGANIZED THE "SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA," ADOPTED A CODE OF BY-LAWS, ELECTED OFFICERS AND SIGNED A PETITION TO THE GENERAL SOCIETY FOR ADMISSION INTO THE CONFEDERATION.

ON DECEMBER 19, 1895 THE PRAYER OF OUR PETITION WAS GRANTED AND A CHARTER WAS ISSUED TO US BY THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1907 OUR SOCIETY WAS LEGALLY INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

INFORMATION OF OUR ACTION HAVING BECOME KNOWN THROUGH THE NEWS-PAPER REPORTS, APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP CAME TO US FROM DIVERSE SEC-TIONS OF THE STATE AND FROM UTAH AND ARIZONA.

IN JANUARY 1898, SEVERAL GENTLEMEN IN SAN FRANCISCO, SENT TO THE SOCIETY GOVERNOR AN URGENT REQUEST THAT HE WOULD VISIT THEM IN THAT CITY FOR CONSULTATION OF MATTERS APPERTAINING TO OUR ORGANIZATION.

THESE GENTLEMEN CALLED A MEETING OF THEIR FRIENDS WHOM THEY KNEW TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP, AND THEY ASSEMBLED ON FEBRUARY 3, 1898, THE GOVERNOR OF THE SOCIETY BEING PRESENT, HAVING ACCEDED TO THEIR REQUEST.

HE EXPLAINED TO THEM THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF OUR SOCIETY AND THE CONDITIONS STATED IN ARTICLE XV OF OUR BY-LAWS RELATING TO CHAPTERS, AND, AT THAT DATE, A CHAPTER AT SAN FRANCISCO WAS ORGANIZED, WITH ELISHA WILLIAMS MCKINSTRY, EX-JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA, AS ITS PRESIDENT; AND THIS CHAPTER,—THOUGH NOT LARGE IN NUMBERS—IS STRONG IN ITS COHESIVENESS, AND EXCEPTIONAL IN THE EMINENCE AND DIGNITY OF ITS MEMBERS.

THE GREAT SEAL AND THE FLAG OF THIS SOCIETY ARE EMBLEMATIC OF THE HISTORY OF CALIFORNIA.

THE QUARTERED ARMS OF CASTILE AND LEON INDICATE HER ORIGINAL CONDITION AS A COLONY OF SPAIN: THE GRIZZLY BEAR IS ONE OF THE PROMINENT FEATURES OF THIS STATE, AND THE GOLDEN FIELD MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE ERA OF HER FAME AND PROSPERITY.

THE EMBLAZONMENT OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR SEAL AND FLAG ARE THUS TECHNICALLY DESCRIBED, VIZ:

THE SEAL,

WITHIN A BEADED ANNULET A TITLE SCROLL, "SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, 1542—1775," SURROUNDING A GROUP OF COLONIAL AND INDIAN WEAPONS: OVER ALL AN ESCUTCHEON, QUARTERLY, CASTILE, 1 AND 4, GULES, A CASTLE TRIPLE—TOWERED, OR: LEON, 2 AND 3, ARGENT, A LION, RAMPANT, LANGUED AND CROWND, OR: UPON A CHIEF OF THE LAST, A GRIZZLY BEAR, PASSANT, PROPER.

THE FLAG,

ARGENT, THE CROSS OF ST. GEORGE, GULES, CHARGED IN THE CENTER WITH AN ESCUTCHEON OR, THEREON A GRIZZLY BEAR, PASSANT, PROPER, SURMOUNTED BY THE MOTTO "EUREKA."

THE QUARTERLY SEAL IS AN ADAPTATION OF THE ARMS OF ISABELLA, QUEEN OF CASTILE AND LEON WHO, WITHOUT ANY CONTRIBUTION FROM HER HUSBAND, FERDINAND V, KING OF ARAGON, SUPPLIED FROM HER PERSONAL REVENUE THE MEANS BY WHICH COLUMBUS WAS ENABLED TO SAIL UPON HIS FAMOUS VOYAGE TO THE WESTERN WORLD.

THE DATE 1542 WAS THE YEAR OF THE FIRST EXPLORATION OF THE CALIFORNIA COAST BY JUAN RODRIGUEZ CABRILLO, AND 1775 TERMINATES THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SERVICES OF ANCESTORS CONSTITUTE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR SOCIETY.

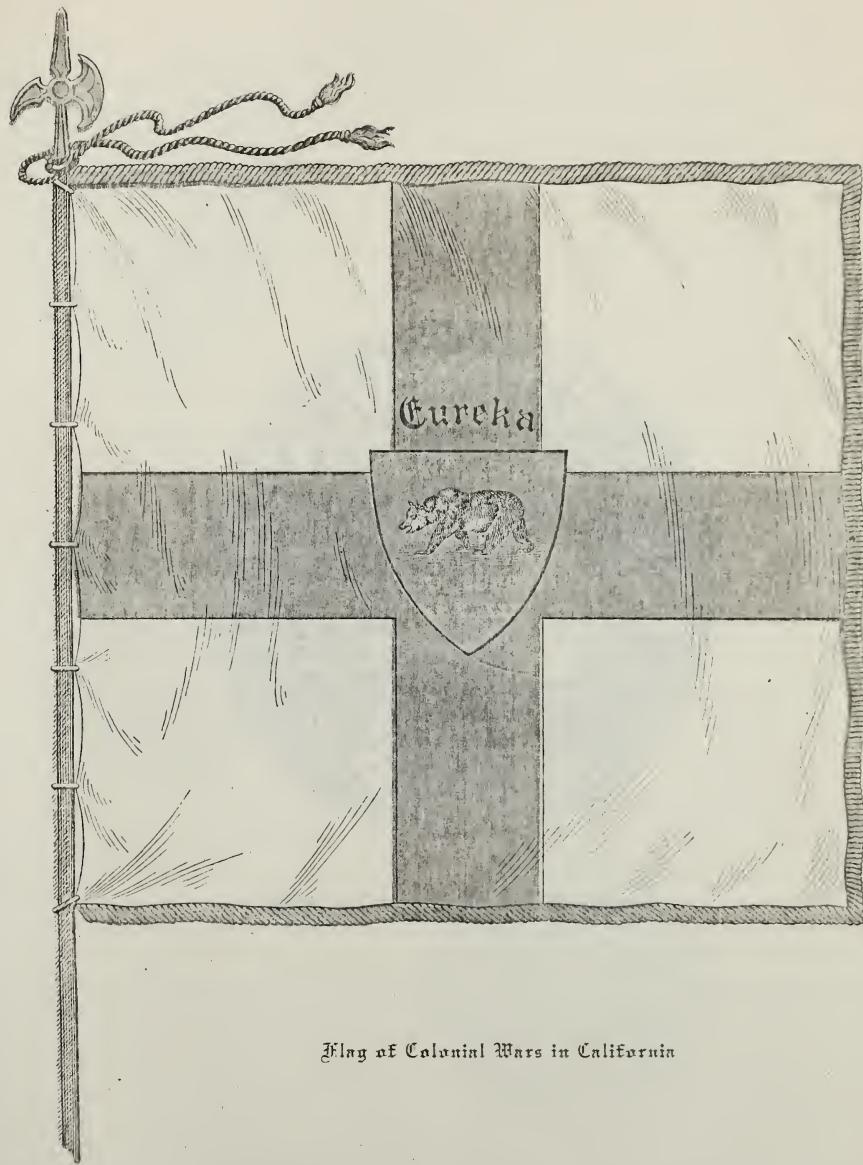
IN HERALDIC EMBLAZONMENTS, THE RULE THAT COLOR SHALL NOT BE PLACED UPON COLOR, NOR METAL UPON METAL, IS NOW UNIVERSALLY ADOPTED.

IN THE FIRST CANTO OF "MARMION," SIR WALTER SCOTT DECIPHERED THE EMBLAZONED SHIELD OF THE KNIGHT AS A "FALCON SABLE ON AN AZURE FIELD," AND WHEN ACCUSED OF FALSE HERALDRY, HE DEFENDED HIMSELF BY DECLARING THAT THE RULE AGAINST COLOR UPON COLOR WAS OF COMPARATIVELY RECENT DATE.

ALL THE STATE SOCIETIES OF THE ORDER OF THE CINCINNATI AND SONS OF THE REVOLUTION ADOPTED THE BANNER OF THEIR GENERAL SOCIETY, AND WE THOUGHT IT EMINENTLY PROPER TO FOLLOW THE SAME COURSE, WHICH WE DID IN THE DESIGN OF OUR FLAG, WITH ONE MUTATION, VIZ: OUR GENERAL SOCIETY FLAG IS ARGENT WITH THE CROSS GULES CHARGED IN THE CENTER WITH AN ESCUTCHEON HAVING THEREON THE SEALS OF THE FIRST NINE AMERICAN COLONIES, SURMOUNTED WITH A ROYAL CROWN AND SURROUNDED BY NINE MULLETS OF THE FIELD:

WITH US THE SHIELD EVINCES THE BEAR SURMOUNTED BY THE M O T T O "EUREKA," THE SYMBOLS OF CALIFORNIA. "EUREKA" IS THE GREEK WORD FOR





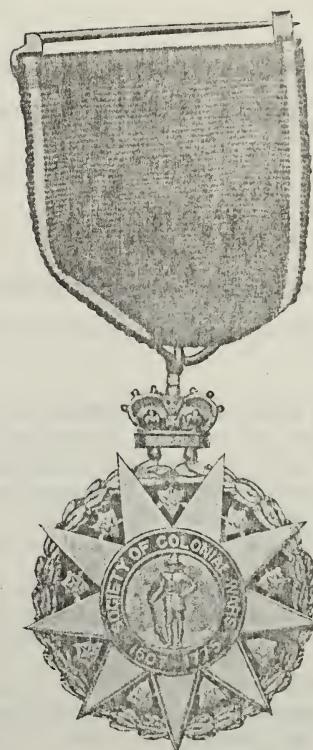
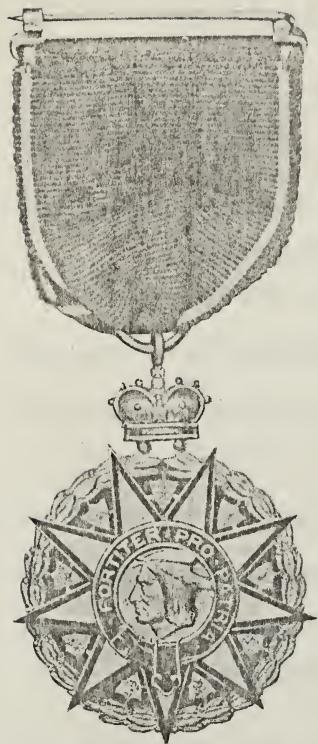
Flag of Colonial Wars in California





Seal of the General Society





Insignia

THE SENTENCE, "I HAVE FOUND IT," WHICH WAS THE EXCLAMATION OF ARCHIMEDES WHEN HE DISCOVERED A WAY FOR DETECTING THE ALLOY IN THE GOLD CROWN OF KING HIERO OF SYRACUSE.

I MAY STATE THE MEANING OF THE HERALDIC TERMS IN THE FOREGOING DESCRIPTIONS:

THE FIELD, WHICH MAY BE OF ANY COLOR OR METAL, IS THE WHOLE SURFACE OF THE ESCUTCHEON OR SHIELD:

THE CHIEF IS THE UPPER THIRD PORTION OF THE SHIELD:

THE METALS, OR IS GOLD; ARGENT IS SILVER:

THE COLORS, GULES IS RED; AZURE IS BLUE; SABLE IS BLACK;
PROPER IS THE NATURAL COLOR.

COLORS ARE INDICATED BY THE MANNER OF SHADING.

MULLET,—IS A 5 POINTED STAR:

POSITIONS,— RAMPANT—ATTACKING OR RISING TO ATTACK:

PASSANT—WALKING: CHARGED—PLACED IN SITU:

LANGUED,—HAVING THE TONGUE VISIBLE:

ANNULET,—A SMALL CIRCLE.

ESCUOTHEON—IS FROM THE FRENCH ECUSSON, WHICH WAS EVOLVED FROM
THE LATIN WORD SCUTUM, A SHIELD OR BUCKLER.

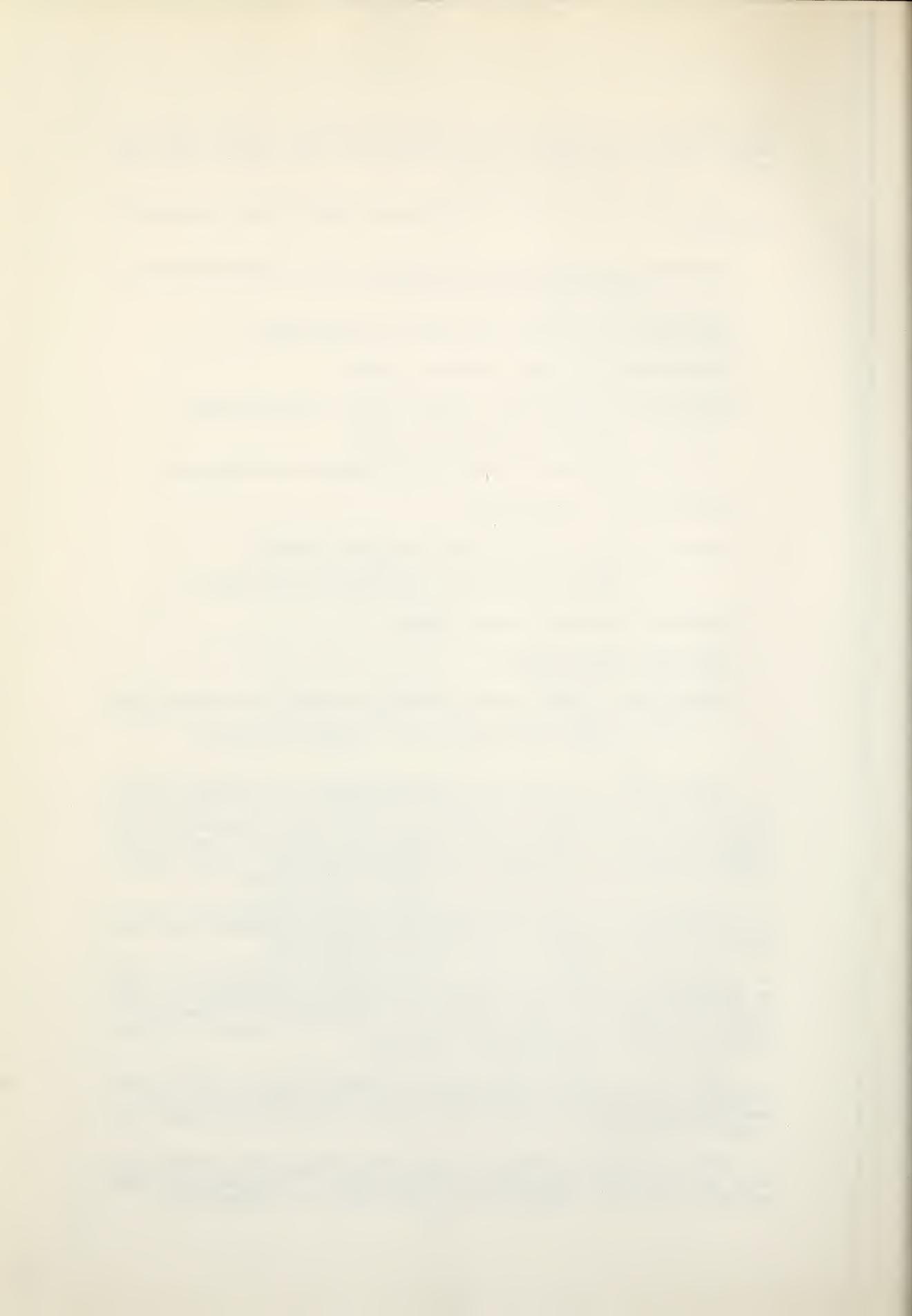
THE DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY IS A BEAUTIFUL WORK OF ART, REPRESENTING THE INDIAN, THE COLONIAL SOLDIER AND THEIR WEAPONS; THE IMPERIAL CROWN OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE; SHIELDS BEARING THE ARMS OF THE ORIGINAL NINE COLONIES, AND THE ROSE, THISTLE, SHAMROCK, CORNFLOWER AND FLUER-DE-LIS, THE BADGES RESPECTIVELY OF ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, IRELAND, GERMANY AND FRANCE.

ARTICLES XVI, XVII, XVIII AND XIX OF THE CONSTITUTION OF OUR GENERAL SOCIETY DESCRIBING ITS GREAT SEAL, INSIGNIA, DIPLOMA, AND FLAG, WILL BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE STUDENT OF HERALDRY.

AT THE THIRTY SIXTH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1922, AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, A COMMITTEE, WHICH THERETOFORE HAD BEEN APPOINTED, PRESENTED A NEW DESIGN FOR A "CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP" WHICH WAS APPROVED, AND IT WAS ORDERED THAT IT BE ENGRAVED IN COLORS AND SUBSTITUTED FOR THE "DIPLOMA" NOW IN USE.

THAT NEWLY ADOPTED "CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP" HAS NOT YET BEEN PREPARED FOR ISSUE, BUT I AM INFORMED THAT IT WILL EMBRACE NEW AND APPROPRIATE FEATURES AND BE EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN THE "DIPLOMA" NOW GRANTED TO MEMBERS.

THE NINE ORIGINAL COLONIES IN THE ORDER OF THE DATES OF THEIR CHARTERS WERE VIRGINIA, NEW YORK, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, CONNECTICUT, MARYLAND, RHODE-ISLAND, NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA.



DURING THE FIRST FEW YEARS OF OUR SOCIETY, ITS COURTS WERE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR IN THE STIMSON BUILDING. FROM THERE IT JOINED WITH THE SOCIETY SONS OF THE REVOLUTION IN RENTING A ROOM IN THE HENNE BLOCK WHERE IT REMAINED UNTIL 1908, WHEN THE TWO SOCIETIES MIGRATED TO THE SAN FERNANDO BUILDING. IN 1913 THEY AGAIN CHANGED THEIR QUARTERS TO THE CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, WHENCE THEY MOVED IN 1919 TO THEIR PRESENT LOCATION IN THE BROADWAY CENTRAL BUILDING.

OF THE NINETEEN FOUNDERS OF THIS SOCIETY ONLY EIGHT ARE NOW READ UPON OUR MEMBERSHIP ROLL, TO-WIT:

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BREWER,
HOLDRIDGE OZRO COLLINS,
GEORGE JULES DENIS,
FRANK PUTNAM FLINT,
MOTLEY HEWES FLINT,
JOHN RANDOLPH HAYNES,
BRADNER WELLS LEE,
ERSKINE MAYO ROSS.

SEVEN HAVE LEFT US FOR THE GREAT UNKNOWN ETERNAL HEREAFTER, VIZ:

WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN,
EDWARD THOMAS HARDEN,
HARRY WOODVILLE LATHAM,
ALEXANDER MOSS MERWIN,
WILLARD ATHERTON NICHOLS,
CAMERON ERSKINE THOM,
SPENCER ROANE THORPE,

THREE RESIGNED, VIZ:

HENRY ATHERTON NICHOLS,
JOSIAH ALONZO OSGOOD,
ANDREW ROANE THORPE,

AND ONE WAS DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

CHE PRINCIPLES WHICH CONTROL IN OUR SOCIETY AND THE CONSERVATISM PREVAILING IN THE ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP, HAVE PREVENTED A VERY LARGE GROWTH IN OUR NUMBER AND PERHAPS INDUCED A MISJUDGEMENT, AND EVEN A SENTIMENT OF PREJUDICE IN THE MINDS OF SOME, SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH EXISTED FOR A SHORT TIME AGAINST THE ORDER OF THE CINCINNATI.

OUR RECORDS DISCLOSE THAT DURING THE TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF OUR EXISTENCE WE HAVE ELECTED TWO-HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE APPLICANTS TO MEMBERSHIP, OF WHOM TWENTY-ONE JOINED US DURING THIS PAST YEAR.

OUR CASUALTIES BY DEATH, RESIGNATION, AND EXPULSION NUMBER NINETY-THREE AND WE READ TO-DAY UPON OUR MEMBERSHIP ROLL, A LIST OF TWO-HUNDRED AND SIX NAMES OF GENTLEMEN, ALL INTERESTED IN THE TENETS OF THE SOCIETY, AND ZEALOUS IN THE WORK FOR ITS STABILITY AND USEFULNESS.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED GENTLEMEN HAVE BEEN HONORED BY ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR:

HOLDRIDGE OZRO COLLINS,	1895-1907—13 YEARS
ARTHUR BURNETT BENTON,	1908-1910— 3 YEARS
FRANK CLARKE PRESCOTT,	1911-1912— 2 YEARS
CHARLES STRONG WALTON,	1913-1914— 2 YEARS
ORRA EUGENE MONNETTE,	1915-1916— 2 YEARS
BRADNER WELLS LEE,	1917-1918— 2 YEARS
FRANK HERVEY PETTINGELL,	1919-1920— 2 YEARS
NELSON OSGODD RHOADES,	1921— 1 YEAR
JAMES BLACK GIST,	1922-1923— 2 YEARS

CHE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY WILL BE READ IN ITS PUBLISHED REPORTS.

THE FIRST GENERAL GOVERNOR WAS FREDERICK J. DE PEYSTER WHO WAS RETAINED IN THAT HIGH OFFICE UNTIL HIS DEATH, MAY 11, 1905.

HE WAS DESCENDED FROM ONE OF THE OLDEST DUTCH FAMILIES OF NEW AMSTERDAM AND HE RANKED AMONG THE LEADERS OF THE EXCLUSIVE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ELEMENTS OF NEW YORK CITY. FOR VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED TO PEOPLE OF HIS ANCESTRAL COUNTRY HE WAS, BY QUEEN WILHELMINA, CREATED A KNIGHT OF ONE OF HER MILITARY ORDERS.

SOON AFTER THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR SOCIETY, ITS GOVERNOR, BEING IN SOME DOUBT AS TO HIS JURISDICTION AND PREROGATIVES, ADDRESSED TO HIM A COMMUNICATION OF INQUIRY AND HE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPLY, VIZ:

“OCTOBER 29TH, 1897.
LAKWOOD, N. J.

DEAR MR. COLLINS:

YOUR INTERESTING LETTER IN REFERENCE TO THE POWERS OF A GOVERNOR OF THE SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS HAS REACHED ME.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE POWER OF A GOVERNOR OF ONE OF OUR SOCIETIES IS ABOUT THE SAME AS THAT OF PRESIDENT OF A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION. THE DIFFERENCE LIES MAINLY IN THE FACT THAT OUR SOCIETY IS COMPOSED OF THE CREAM OF AMERICAN MANHOOD; AND A COLLECTION OF THROUGH-BRED GENTLEMEN NATURALLY TREATS ITS GOVERNOR WITH MORE CONSIDERATION THAN FALLS TO THE LOT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AVERAGE SOCIETY.

BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW YORK SOCIETY, THE GOVERNOR IS PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

WITH THE BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CALIFORNIA SOCIETY, BELIEVE ME
YOURS VERY SINCERELY
H. O. COLLINS ESQ.
Gov. Soc. C. W. CALIFORNIA.”

FREDERICK J. DE PEYSTER.



TO THE STUDENT OF GENEALOGIES, OUR RECORDS REVEAL MOST INTERESTING DETAILS REGARDING THE LIVES AND ACTIVITIES OF ANCESTORS OF OUR MEMBERS.

OUR GOVERNOR IS DESCENDED FROM A FAMILY CONSPICUOUS DURING THE COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY PERIODS, THE MOST DISTINGUISHED OF WHOM WAS BRIGADIER-GENERAL MORDECAI GIST, RENOWNED FOR HIS SPLENDID GENERALSHIP AND REMARKABLE VALOR, THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ORDER OF THE CINCINNATI.

THE ANCESTRY OF WILLARD ATHERTON NICHOLS IS, PERHAPS, UNIQUE AMONG THE RECORDS OF ALL OUR SOCIETIES. HE TRACED HIS DESCENT FROM FOUR COLONIAL GOVERNORS; THREE JUDGES; TWO MAJOR-GENERALS; FOUR COLONELS; ONE LEUTENANT-COLONEL; MANY CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS AND MEMBERS OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY; TWO COMMANDERS OF BATTLE-SHIPS; TWO WITCHES WHO WERE HANGED ON WITCH HILL IN SALEM; FOUR QUAKERS, OF WHOM ONE HAD HIS EARS CROPPED; TWO WERE BANISHED AND DIED MARTYRS TO PHYSICAL INFILCTIONS AND DESTITUTION AND THE OTHER WAS SENTENCED TO BE SOLD AS A SLAVE; TWO WERE DELEGATES TO THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS OF 1774 AND 1775, AND THERE WERE MANY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURTS. ONE WAS THE SIXTH PRESIDENT OF HARVARD COLLEGE.

ON AUGUST 18, 1587, UPON ROANOKE ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA, THE COLONISTS ANANIAS DARE AND HIS WIFE ELEANOR WHITE WELCOMED TO THEIR HEARTS THEIR DAUGHTER VIRGINIA DARE, THE FIRST WHITE CHILD OF ENGLISH PARENTAGE BORN IN THE WESTERN WORLD.

ON DECEMBER 30, 1620, MARY CHILTON WAS THE FIRST WOMAN TO STEP ON PLYMOUTH ROCK.

WHETHER VIRGINIA DARE DIED IN INFANCY OR, WITH THE SURVIVORS OF THE COLONY, WAS ABSORBED IN THE ADJOINING INDIAN TRIBE, IS UNKNOWN. HISTORY IS SILENT AS TO HER FATE, BUT MARY CHILTON LIVED TO A BEAUTIFUL OLD AGE, BELOVED BY HER ASSOCIATES AND RESPECTED FOR HER INTELLECTUAL ENDOWMENTS, AND SHE TRANSMITTED TO HER DESCENDANT, MR. NICHOLS, SOME OF THOSE CHARACTERISTICS WHICH GOVERNED HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

ONE OF THE ORIGINAL DESIGNATIONS OF BOSTON WAS "COPP'S HILL" NAMED AFTER ITS OWNER WILLIAM COPP, WHO CAME TO MASSACHUSETTS IN 1635 AND FROM WHOM IS DESCENDED OUR ASSOCIATE ANDREW JAMES COPP JR. FROM COPP'S HILL WERE FIRED THE BRITISH CANNON WHICH DESTROYED CHARLESTON DURING THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL.

FOR AN-OTHER MEMBER, DESCENT IS READ FROM WILLIAM BRADFORD, THE SECOND GOVERNOR OF THE PILGRIM COLONY OF PLYMOUTH, AND FROM WILLIAM VASSALL, ONE OF THE PATENTEES NAMED IN THE CHARTER GRANTED BY CHARLES I, ON MARCH 4, 1629, INCORPORATING "THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY IN NEW ENGLAND." HE CAME IN THE SHIP WITH JOHN WINTHROP THE FIRST GOVERNOR, LANDING ON JUNE 12, 1630, AT SALEM; AND HE WAS THE FIRST OF THE GOVERNOR'S ASSISTANTS, HAVING BEEN CHOSEN IN 1629 WHILE IN ENGLAND. IN 1642 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF WAR OF PLYMOUTH COLONY.

FIVE ANCESTORS OF THIS ASSOCIATE WERE MEMBERS OF "THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY," ONE OF WHOM WAS AN INCORPORATOR THEREOF AND AN-OTHER A SERGEANT THEREIN; AND MANY OTHERS HAVE TRACED THEIR DESCENT FROM THOSE WHO WORE THE SCARLET OF THE ARMY AND WERE INVESTED WITH THE WOOLSACK OF THE BENCH AND THE EXECUTIVE CHAIR.

WE READ IN OUR MEMBERSHIP ROLLS, PAST AND PRESENT, THE NAMES OF

FRANK MARION ANGELLOTTI,
OUR PRESENT LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

ELISHA WILLIAMS MCKINSTRY, AND
ERSKINE MAYO ROSS,
JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA;

ERSKINE MAYO ROSS,
JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT;

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BLEDSOE,
OUR DEPUTY GOVERNOR,
JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT;

GEORGE JULES DENIS
AND
FRANK PUTNAM FLINT,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEYS;

FRANK PUTNAM FLINT,
UNITED STATES SENATOR,

BENJAMIN IDE WHEELER
PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY:

WILLIAM BERTRAND STEVENS,
CO-ADJUTOR BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

CAMERON ERSKINE THOM
AND
FREDERIC THOMAS WOODMAN
MAYORS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES:

OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY,
BRIGADIER-GENERAL JOHN GREEN BALLANCE,
BRIGADIER-GENERAL CHARLES HENRY WHIPPLE,
COLONEL WILLIAM ANTHONY ELDERKIN,
MAJOR JOHN STEWART KULP,
MAJOR CARVER HOWLAND,
CAPTAIN CHARLES LEE COLLINS:

OF THE NAVY
COMMANDER JOSIAH RUMBALL STANTON,
COMMANDER EDWIN TAYLOR POLLOCK:

OF THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION

MARCUS BENJAMIN,
EDITOR OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION:

FRANK HERVEY PETTINGELL
EX-GOVERNOR OF THIS SOCIETY,
PRESIDENT OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE,
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC
LIBRARY,
HISTORIAN OF OUR GENERAL SOCIETY,
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.



THE INDEX OF ANCESTORS AND ROLL OF MEMBERS, PUBLISHED IN 1922 BY OUR GENERAL SOCIETY, DISCLOSES THAT, DURING THE WORLD WAR, 32 OF OUR MEMBERS SERVED IN MILITARY OR NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OF WHOM TWO,—ANDREW JAMES COPP JR. AND GEORGE JULES DENIS WERE MUSTERED OUT AT ITS CLOSE WITH THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT-COLONEL; AND THE NAMES OF 65 ARE GIVEN FOR SERVICE OTHER THAN MILITARY OR NAVAL, ONE OF WHOM, MARCUS BENJAMIN, OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, WAS DECORATED BY FRANCE WITH THE "PALMES ACADEMIQUES" AND RANK OF "OFFICIER DE L' INSTRUCTION PUBLIQUE," FOR PATRIOTIC LABORS.

WE HAVE A GOODLY NUMBER WHO SERVED IN THE NATIONAL GUARDS OF SEVERAL STATES, IN ALL THE RANKS FROM PRIVATE TO BRIGADIER-GENERAL; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIVIL LIFE—ACCOUNTANTS, ARCHITECTS, ARTISTS, ASTRONOMERS, BANKERS, CIVIL AND MECHANICAL ENIGEERS, CLERGYMEN, DENTISTS, FOREIGN CONSULS, HISTORIANS, LAWYERS, LAW REPORTERS, LUMBERMEN, MANUFACTURERS, MERCHANTS, MINERS, NEWSPAPER EDITORS, PHYSICIANS, PUBLISHERS, RAIL-ROAD OFFICIALS, RANCHERS, STOCK-BROKERS AND OTHERS FROM AVOCATIONS TOO NUMEROUS TO PARTICULARIZE.

MANY OF OUR MEMBERS BELONG TO THE SOCIETIES OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS, COLONIAL GOVERNORS, ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY, SONS OF THE REVOLUTION, WAR OF 1812 AND OTHERS, ALL REQUIRING SWORN PROOF OF SERVICES AND DESCENT.

AT AN EARLY DATE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS SOCIETY, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED REQUESTING ALL MEMBERS TO TRANSMIT FOR OUR RECORDS; AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEMSELVES ON AN INDICATED SIZE AND ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO THEIR PROMISE TO COMPLY WITH ALL THE REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY, AS SET FORTH IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

BY THE REPEATED AND URGENT DEMANDS OF THE GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY, A LARGE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS WAS OBTAINED WHICH WERE PRESERVED IN TWO ALBUMS, AND MANY AUTOBIOGRAPHIES WERE RECEIVED WHICH WERE INSERTED IN TWO APPROPRIATE VOLUMES AND INDEXED. THESE AUTOBIOGRAPHIES HAVE BEEN OF GREAT INTEREST AND VALUE TO US, ESPECIALLY OF THOSE WHOSE DEPARTURE WE HAVE MOURNED, AND THEY HAVE PROVED AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE FOR A DETAILED RELATION IN OUR PUBLISHED MEMORIALS OF THEIR LIFE'S ACTIVITIES.

TWO YEARS AGO A NEW FEATURE FOR OUR RECORDS WAS INAUGURATED. UPON THE BLANKS PREPARED, MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO GIVE THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND WHEN COMPLIANCE WAS MADE, A RECORD THEREOF WAS INSCRIBED IN A VOLUME OBTAINED FOR THAT PURPOSE; AND A CERTIFICATE, SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SECRETARY, STATING THAT ALL THE MALE DESCENDANTS OF THE FATHER WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP HERE-IN, WAS TRANSMITTED FOR EACH CHILD.

I REGRET TO STATE THAT THESE TWO PROPOSITIONS REGARDING AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, AND CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN, HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN OR LEFT IN ABEYANCE, AND I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE URGED FOR RENEWED ACTION. I SUGGEST THAT THEY BOTH BE PLACED TO THE CHARGE OF AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY WHO WILL RELIEVE THE SECRETARY FROM THIS PORTION OF THE TAXING WORK WHICH IS IMPOSED UPON HIM.

I CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS FOR THE ADMIRABLE MANNER IN WHICH OUR ACCOMPLISHED SECRETARY, HAS PRESERVED IN THE RECORDS A HISTORY OF OUR ACTIVITIES DURING THIS YEAR OF 1923.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPLEMENTAL PROOFS HAVE BEEN BOUND IN THEIR NUMERICAL ORDER AND INDEXED AS WELL FOR ANCESTORS AS FOR MEMBERS.

NUMBERS OF US HAVE PROVED UNDER MANY ANCESTORS, SOME, IN RIGHT OF FIFTY OR MORE, AND FREQUENTLY, WHEN TWO OR MORE ANCESTORS, WHOSE SERVICES CONSTITUTE ELIGIBILITY, HAVE APPEARED IN THE SAME LINE OF DESCENT. IN ONE CASE, A MEMBER HAS PROVED UNDER THREE FROM THE PRECURSOR—SON, GRANDSON AND GREAT GRANDSON,—WHICH FOUR PROOFS HAVE EACH REQUIRED EXACTLY THE SAME GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF DESCENT.

OF COURSE, SUCH CASES REQUIRE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF LABOR, EXACT ATTENTION AND CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE FOR FEES OF THE NOTARY AND REGISTRATION. AT A LATE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED, AND A COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO EVOLVE A SUPPLEMENTAL BLANK FOR PROOFS OF TWO OR MORE ANCESTORS IN THE SAME LINE, WITH ONLY ONE TABLE OF DESCENT. A CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROFESSOR ARTHUR ADAMS, GENERAL REGISTRAR, DISCLOSED THAT THERE WAS NO RESTRICTION BY THE GENERAL SOCIETY AGAINST SUCH A SYSTEM OF PROOFS, AND THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL INSTANCES OF THIS CHARACTER IN HIS RECORDS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF YOUR COMMITTEE IN THIS BEHALF HAS MADE A LITTLE PREPARATORY ADVANCE, BUT HE HAS NOT YET EVOLVED A SATISFACTORY DOCUMENT: HOWEVER SUCH ITEMS AND PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN COLLATED, THAT IT IS HOPED AN ACCEPTABLE RESULT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL, EARLY IN THE COMING YEAR.

OUR PUBLICATIONS,—OF A PERMANENT CHARACTER—FOR THE MOST PART, FROM THE FIRST TO THE LAST, HAVE BEEN UNEXCELLED FOR ARTISTIC MERIT, QUALITY OF PAPER, CHARACTER OF TYPE, BEAUTY OF ILLUSTRATION AND THEIR CHRONOLOGIES OF EVENTS.

THE REGISTER OF 1910, FOR ITS BEAUTY OF PRINT, REVENUE OF INFORMATION AND CHARM OF ITS NUMEROUS ILLUSTRATIONS OF ARMS, PORTRAITS, ANCIENT RESIDENCES AND FAC-SIMILES OF MILITARY AND CIVIL DOCUMENTS HAS NOT HAD ITS EQUAL BY A PUBLICATION OF ANY OTHER SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS: AS LATE AS THIS DAY, REQUESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THIS REGISTER, BUT NO COMPLIANCE COULD BE MADE FOR, MANY YEARS AGO, THE EDITION WAS EXHAUSTED.

THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR STATE SOCIETIES HAVE BEEN OF A MOST FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL CHARACTER AND WITH US, AS WITH THE MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS AND COLONIAL GOVERNORS, ALL IS HARMONY, AND THERE HAVE BEEN NEITHER ANY DISTURBING ELEMENT, ACRIMONIOUS DISCUSSIONS NOR DIFFERENCES OF A MATERIAL NATURE. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR SOCIETY ARE HEARD WITH ATTENTION AND GIVEN CHEERFUL CONSIDERATION IN THE LIBERATIONS OF THE GENERAL SOCIETY, AND OUR INFLUENCE HAS BEEN MANIFESTED BY THE ELECTION OF ONE OF OUR NUMBER TO THE CONSPICUOUS OFFICE OF GENERAL HISTORIAN.

I THINK IT NOT INAPPROPRIATE, BUT DECIDEDLY OPPORTUNE UPON THIS CONJUNCTION, TO PRESENT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND PERHAPS OFFICIAL ACTION, A SUBJECT, GERMANE TO OUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, WHICH HAS GIVEN GENERALLY TO US UNCOMFORTABLE REFLECTIONS AND ADVERSE CRITICISM.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP BY DESCENDANTS FROM THE SOLDIERS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN MILES STANDISH, HAS BEEN REJECTED OR DENIED BY THE GENERAL SOCIETY.

WHO CAN READ WITHOUT A GLOW OF ENTHUSIASM AND A THRILL OF AMAZEMENT AND WONDER, OF THE KNIGHTLY DEEDS OF THOSE VERY FEW MEN WHO SAVED PLYMOUTH COLONY FROM ANNIHILATION, AND MADE IT THE TRUE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC.



IN MARCH, 1621, AFTER THAT TERRIBLE DECIMATION BY DEATH, THERE WERE LESS THAN FIFTY SURVIVORS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, OF THE 104 PASSENGERS OF THE MAYFLOWER, AND OF THOSE, THERE WERE ONLY SEVEN, OF WHOM WHERE BRADFORD, BREWSTER AND STANDISH WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND TO THE SICK AND "*in case of attack*, WHICH WAS HOURLY ANTICIPATED, COULD PRESENT ANY EFFICIENT RESISTANCE."

AS OTHERS RECOVERED HEALTH AND STRENGTH, AND ADDITIONS WERE MADE FROM THE "FIRST COMERS" OF THE FORTUNE, 1621, AND THE ANNE AND LITTLE JAMES, 1623, AMOUNTING IN ALL TO ONLY 41 MEN CAPABLE OF BEARING ARMS, STANDISH ORGANIZED THEM INTO TRAINBANDS, AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAD HIS POST OF DUTY.

IN APRIL 1621, THE MAYFLOWER DEPARTED FOR ENGLAND LEAVING IN THE COLONY THE DIMINUTAL NUMBER OF 55 PERSONS OF WHOM ONLY 19 WERE MEN THE OTHER 36 BEING WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AND AT THE TIME OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FORTUNE, JULY 21, 1621 THERE WERE ONLY SEVEN FAMILIES IN THE COLONY.

IN FEBRUARY 1621, UPON WHAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BURIAL HILL, A FORT WAS ERECTED ON WHOSE PLATFORM WERE MOUNTED THEIR THREE GUNS, ONE—THE SMALLEST,—CALLED A BASE, BUT LITTLE LARGER THAN A MUSKET; HAVING A BORE OF ONLY ONE AND A QUARTER INCHES IN DIAMETER; ANOTHER DENOMINATED A MINION, WITH A BORE OF THREE AND THREE QUARTERS INCHES, AND THE THIRD, NAMED A SAKER, THE LARGEST AND HEAVIEST, WEIGHING ABOUT A THOUSAND POUNDS AND CARRYING A BALL FOUR POUNDS IN WEIGHT.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENSE RESTED UPON MILES STANDISH WHO WAS GIVEN DICTATORIAL POWERS, AND IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN THAT HE BREATHED HIS OWN FIERY HEART INTO HIS HANDFUL OF FOLLOWERS 'TILL HE MADE THEM AN ARMY ABLE TO WITHSTAND A HOST IN THE NARROW GATES OF DEATH; AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS SMALL BAND, COMPOSING ALL THE MEN OF THE COLONY CAPABLE OF BEARING ARMS, WERE DETAILED IN TURN TO MOUNT GUARD OVER THE STOCKADE.

THE COLONISTS WROTE TO PASTOR ROBINSON AT LEYDEN, THAT CAPTAIN STANDISH AND HIS MILITARY COMMAND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE COLONY AND THAT THE MEASURES THEY ADOPTED WERE PURELY IN SELF DEFENSE AND THAT IN NO OTHER WAY COULD THEY POSSIBLY HAVE SAVED IT FROM MASSACRE, AND THAT THE SAVAGES COULD BE INFLUENCED BY DEEDS ONLY AND NOT BY WORDS. IT WAS BY THIS MILITARY ACTION WHICH OVERWHELMED WITH TERROR THE TRIBES WHICH WERE CONTEMPLATING A COALITION WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS INDIANS AGAINST THE ENGLISH.

CONTESTS AND SKIRMISHES WITH THE INDIANS COMMENCED SOON AFTER THE MAYFLOWER ANCHORED IN CAPE COD HARBOR. THE FIRST ENCOUNTER WAS IN DECEMBER, 1620, WHEN STANDISH AND HIS LITTLE COMPANY OF EXPLORERS DEFEATED AND ROUTED A LARGE BAND OF SAVAGES.

IN 1623, MASSASOIT REVEALED TO GOVERNOR BRADFORD THE GREAT INDIAN CONSPIRACY FOR THE TOTAL EXTERMINATION OF THE ENGLISH AT WESSAGUSSETT, OR WEYMOUTH, AND PLYMOUTH. STANDISH WITH ONLY EIGHT CHOSEN MEN OF HIS COMMAND, WENT TO WESSAGUSSETT, WHICH THEY FOUND IN THE POSSESSION OF THE INDIANS WHOM THEY ATTACKED KILLING SEVEN OF THEM. THEIR CHIEFS SOUGHT REFUGE IN A HOUSE BUT STANDISH AND THREE OF HIS MEN FORCED AN ENTRANCE AND LOCKING THE DOOR, IN THE FIERCE ENCOUNTER WHICH ENSUED, STANDISH KILLED THE CHIEF PECKSUOT AND HIS THREE FOLLOWERS KILLED THE CHIEF WITUWAMAT, AND BINDING HIS BROTHER, HANGED HIM FROM A TREE, WHICH DEEDS SO TERRIFIED THE INDIANS THAT THEY FLED AND THE CONSPIRACY ENDED.

AGAIN STANDISH, WITH ONLY TEN MEN,—ONE-HALF THE MILITARY FORCE OF THE COLONY,—WAS SENT BY BRADFORD TO NAMASKET WHERE WERE ASSEMBLED THE TRIBE OF THE CHIEF CORBITANT AND THE NARRAGANSETTS UNDER THEIR

SACHEM CANONICUS, PREPARING TO OVERTHROW MASSASOIT AND EXTERMINATE THE PILGRIMS. THESE WERE SO OVERWHELMED BY THE PRESENTATION OF THIS ARMED FORCE AND THE THREATS OF FIERCE RETRIBUTION FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES, BY STANDISH, THAT THEY DISBANDED AND DISPERSED, AND CANONICUS SOUGHT PEACE.

IN 1632, STANDISH WITH ONLY THREE OF HIS MEN WAS DISPATCHED TO SE-WANUS TO REPEL AN ARMY OF MANY HUNDREDS OF NARRAGANSETT INDIANS COMMANDED BY THEIR SACHEM CANONICUS, AND THE MEASURES HE ADOPTED, AND HIS REPRESENTATION OF THE UNCONQUERABLE MILITARY FORCE OF THE COLONIES WITH THEIR SUPERIORITY IN ARMS OVER THE SPEAR AND BOW AND ARROW, CAUSED THE NARRAGANSETTS TO RETURN TO THEIR FOREST FASTNESSES.

WITH NINE MEN HE SAILED TO THE BAY IN WHICH IS THE PENINSULA UPON WHICH BOSTON IS LOCATED, AND LANDING AT THE FOOT OF A CLIFF, SUBSEQUENTLY KNOWN AS COPP'S HILL, IN A FORCEFUL BUT FRIENDLY INTERCOURSE WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS TRIBES UNDER THE SQUAW—SACHEM, WHO WERE THREATENING BLOODY RETALIATION FOR WRONGS PERPETRATED BY ENGLISH ADVENTURORS, HE OBTAINED A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF ALL ANTAGONISMS, AND HISTORY TELLS US OF MANY OTHER EVENTS OF A SIMILAR CHARACTER.

I CONTEMN ACTS WHICH CONDUCE TO DISCORD, ACRIMONY OR UNFRIENDLINESS, BUT CERTAINLY, WE MAY IN KIND—EVEN IF IN EMPHATIC WORDS, EXPRESS OPINIONS DIFFERING FROM THE IDEAS OF OTHERS, WITHOUT GIVING OFFENSE; AND I MAINTAIN THAT THE DESCENDANTS OF THOSE OF THE MAYFLOWER, AND THE "FIRST-COMERS" WHO ARRIVED IN THE FORTUNE, 1621, AND THE ANNE AND LITTLE JAMES, 1623, WHO WERE ACTIVE IN MILITARY SERVICE UNDER COMMAND OF CAPTAIN MILES STANDISH, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR SOCIETIES.

UNDER THE ALLEGED RULING, THE DESCENDANTS OF MILES STANDISH WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE WITH US, HAD HE NOT SERVED IN THE PEQUOT WAR OF 1636.

I BELIEVE THE POSITION I TAKE IN THIS SUBJECT IS THE CORRECT ONE—
QUARE IMPEDO.

CICERO WROTE THAT "HE WHO HATH BOTH THE DESIRE AND POWER TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF THROUGHLY, BOTH WITH THE CUSTOMS AND LEARNING OF HIS ANCESTORS, APPEARS TO ME TO HAVE ATTAINED TO THE HIGHEST GLORY AND HONOR;" AND PLUTARCH, IN ONE OF HIS BIOGRAPHIES, ASSERTED THAT "IT IS INDEED A DESIRABLE THING TO BE WELL DESCENDED, BUT THE GLORY BELONGS TO OUR ANCESTORS."

EDMUND BURKE DECLARED THAT "THOSE WHO DO NOT TREASURE UP THE MEMORY OF THEIR ANCESTORS, DO NOT DESERVE TO BE REMEMBERED BY THEIR POSTERITY."

IN THE GLOWING LITERATURE OF MACAULAY WILL BE READ THAT "A PEOPLE WHICH TAKES NO PRIDE IN THE NOBLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REMOTE ANCESTORS, WILL NEVER ACHIEVE ANYTHING WORTHY TO BE REMEMBERED WITH PRIDE BY REMOTE DESCENDANTS," AND OUR OWN DANIEL WEBSTER, IN HIS MAGNIFICENT ORATION AT THE DEDICATION OF BUNKER HILL MONUMENT, IN TRUMPET TONES, HEARD THROUGHOUT THAT IMMENSE GATHERING, VOICED THE BLAZING UBILITY THAT "THOSE WHO DO NOT LOOK UPON THEMSELVES AS A LINK CONNECTING THE PAST WITH THE FUTURE, DO NOT PERFORM THEIR DUTY TO THE WORLD."

AS A COUNTER—BLAST, SHERIDAN SAYS IN THE RIVALS,

"OUR ANCESTORS ARE A VERY GOOD KIND OF FOLKS; BUT THEY ARE THE LAST PEOPLE I SHOULD CHOOSE TO HAVE A VISITING ACQUAINTANCE WITH," AND HAWTHORNE WROTE RATHER SARCASTICALLY, "LET US THANK GOD FOR HAVING GIVEN US SUCH ANCESTORS; AND LET EACH SUCCESSIVE GENERATION THANK HIM, NOT LESS FERVENTLY, FOR BEING ONE STEP FURTHER FROM THEM IN THE MARCH OF AGES."

THE GERMANS HAVE A PROVERB.

SO ADAM REUTTE UND EVE SPAN;
WER WAS DA EIN EDELMAN?

WHEN ADAM DELVED AND EVE SPAN;
WHO WAS THEN THE GENTLEMAN?

GIBBON DECLARED THAT "THE PROUDEST FAMILIES ARE CONTENT TO LOSE IN THE DARKNESS OF THE MIDDLE AGES, THE TREE OF THEIR PEDIGREE, WHICH, HOWEVER DEEP AND LOFTY, MUST ULTIMATELY RISE FROM A PLEBEIAN ROOT."

ALL OF US HAVE HAD TWO PARENTS, FOUR GRAND-PARENTS, AND DOUBLING BACKWARDS IN GEOMETRICAL PROGRESSION FOR NINE GENERATIONS,—UNLESS THERE HAVE BEEN INTER-MARRIAGES OF BLOOD RELATIVES,—EACH HAS HAD FIVE HUNDRED AND TWELVE ANCESTORS IN THIS COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF ITS BEGINNING AS A DISTINCT ENTITY OR REALM, AND IT IS SCARCELY POSSIBLE FOR ANY ONE TO THROW A BRICK INTO THE PAGES OF HISTORY WITHOUT HITTING SOMEBODY WHO IS, MORE OR LESS, RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS EXISTENCE.

O THE STUDENT OF HISTORY, THE THOUGHT HAS FREQUENTLY INDUCED THE QUERY, WHAT IS YOUR "*raison d'être, cui bono?*" FOR WHAT PURPOSE DOES YOUR SOCIETY EXIST AND WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO ACCOMPLISH?

IT IS TRUE THAT THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH OUR SOCIETY IS FOUNDED AND THE SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITIES, DIFFER FROM THE RANGE OF PATRIOTIC COMBATIVE-NESS OF THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

THAT SOCIETY HAS FOR ITS OBJECTS AN ACTIVE PERSONAL SERVICE AND AN ARMED PARTICIPATION IN ALL NATIONAL POLICIES, WHETHER OF CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS, OR A CALL TO ARMS, FOR THE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND INTEGRITY OF THEIR COUNTRY, ACHIEVED BY THEIR ANCESTORS FROM THE DESPOTISM OF GEORGE, THIRD. IT APPEALS TO THE PATRIOTISM OF EVERY TRUE AMERICAN WITH A STAMP OF POPULARITY WHICH IS BARRED BY THE COLD RESTRICTIONS AND EXCLUSIVE PROVISIONS OF OUR ORDER.

IS THERE NO SUCH FIELD FOR US? SHALL WE CONFINE OUR ACTIVITIES TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECORD OF GENEALOGICAL DESCENT, AND THE STRIFE FOR FINANCIAL SUPERIORITY, MAKING THESE THE SOLE OBJECT OF OUR EXISTENCE, AND OBLIVIOUS TO FEALTY TO COUNTRY, THE HAPPINESS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AND AFFECTIONATE COURTESY TO OUR ASSOCIATES?

THAT GENTLE CONSIDERATION FOR THE WELFARE OF ALL, WHICH ENNOBLES OUR EXISTENCE, MAY BECOME CLOUDED BY THE TEMPTATIONS FOR A SUCCESS IN THE MIGHTY PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY.

ILL FARES THE LAND, TO HASTENING ILLS A PREY,
WHERE WEALTH ACCUMULATES AND MEN DECAY.

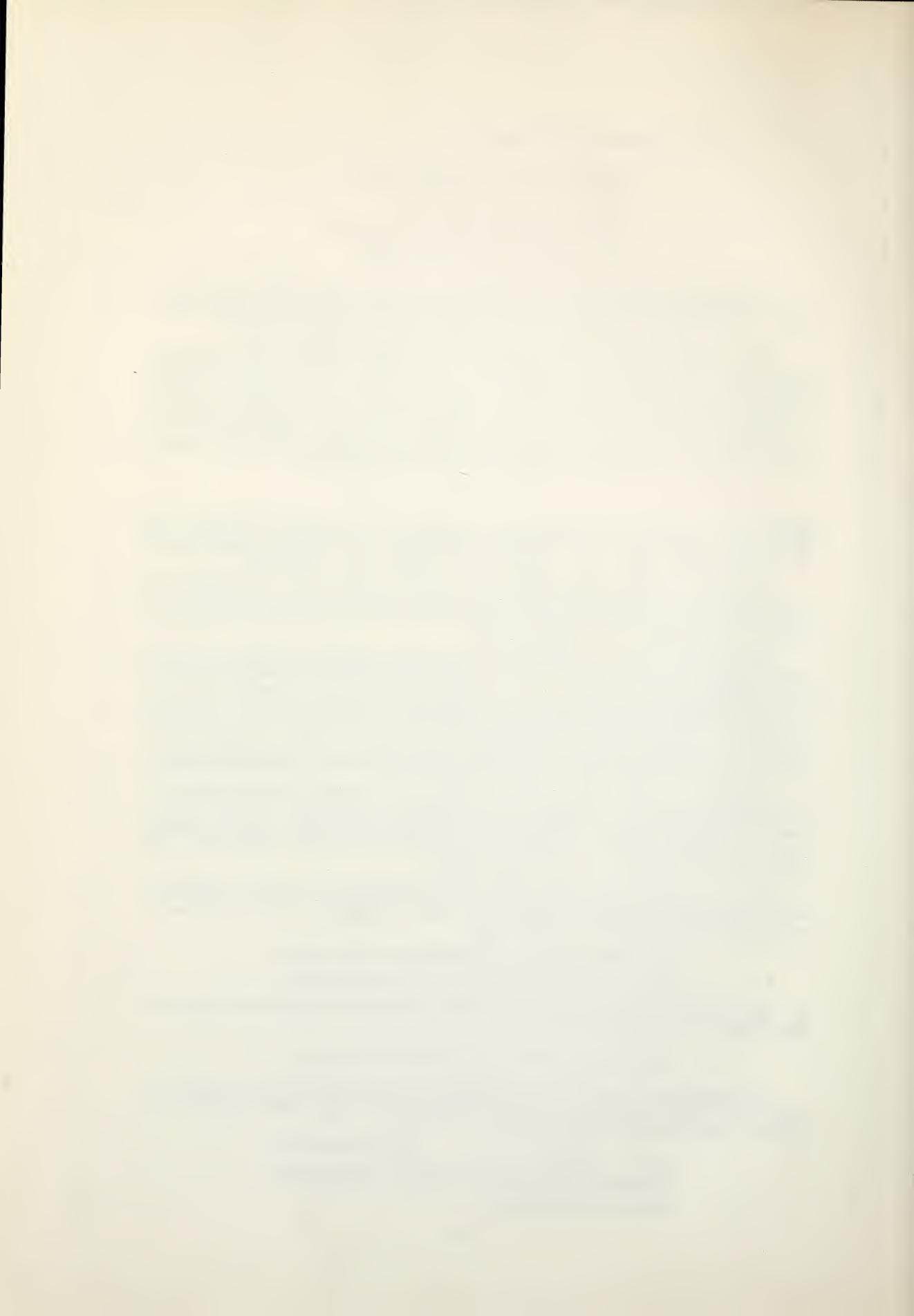
MAY THE SUN NEVER SHINE UPON THE LAND WHERE ANY ONE CAN SAY IN THE WORDS OF THE JEW OF MALTA,

WHO IS HONORED NOW, BUT FOR HIS WEALTH.

IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS HOME, BASKING IN THE SUN-SHINE OF THE GLORIOUS DEEDS OF HEROIC ANCESTORS INDUCES POMPous AND ARROGANT THOUGHTS OF PERSONAL SUPERIORITY, MINDLESS THAT

HONORS THRIVE,

WHEN RATHER FROM OUR ACTS WE THEM DERIVE
THAN OUR FOREGOERS.



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I MAY QUOTE THE WORDS OF AN OTHER:

"THE SADDEST OF SIGHTS ARE THE REMAINS OF A GREAT FAMILY, NURSING ITSELF IN ISOLATION BY THE FIRESIDE OF ITS PAST, IN SENILE RECOLLECTION, LIKE A PLANT GONE TO SEED, RANK, UNSIGHTLY, USELESS."

PRECLUDE AGAINST US THE STIGMA OF TACITUS AGAINST THE DEGENERATE ROMANS, THAT THE HISTORY OF OUR ANCESTORS IS OUR ONLY GLORY.

A PROFOUND PHILOSOPHER WROTE THAT

"A BODY OF MEN LINKED IN ASSOCIATION, THE RIGHT TO MEMBERSHIP BEING LIMITED, AND THAT DUE TO ACCIDENT OF BIRTH, CANNOT EXIST IN A DEMOCRACY WITH ANY SPECIAL REASON, UNLESS SUCH AN ASSOCIATION MAKES ITS PURPOSE AS A POWER FOR GOOD."

OUR SOCIETY, RIGHTLY UNDERSTOOD, IS A GOOD CORRECTIVE TO SELF CONCENTRATION. IT EXPANDS THE HORIZON, ENLARGES THE EXPERIENCE AND MAKES THE INDIVIDUAL REALIZE THAT THERE ARE OTHER REALMS THAN HIS OWN.

HYOU GENTLEMEN, DESCENDED FROM THOSE OF HISTORIC FAME, OF A STABLE, ASSURED AND HONORED POSITION IN THE PRESENT, CANNOT BE JUSTLY CHARGED WITH TRIVIAL VANITY IN AN HONORABLE PRIDE, EXULTATION AND VINDICATION OF THE DEEDS OF ANCESTORS, WHICH DEEDS GAVE TO US THE HAPPIEST LAND ON EARTH, WITH A GOVERNMENT, AS I HAVE HERETOFORE WRITTEN, OF FREEDOM WITHOUT LICENSE, OF STRENGTH WITHOUT TYRANNY, OF LAW AND ORDER WITHOUT MILITARY DESPOTISM AND OF ABSOLUTE EQUALITY OF POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR THE RICH AND POOR, AND THE HIGH AND LOW.

YOUR DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS ARE IN RENDERING ASSISTANCE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE PRINCIPLES WHICH ARE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PEACE IN WHICH WE LIVE: BEWARE AND REPEL THE INSIDIOUS ATTACKS OF ECCLESIASTICAL INFLUENCES AGAINST THE CIVIL AND MILITARY POLITIES OF OUR COUNTRY WITH AN INDOMITABLE AND UNFALTERING GUARD OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND IN TEACHING YOUR SONS, AS DID THE ANCIENT PERSIANS, TO TELL THE TRUTH AND SHOOT STRAIGHT IN ALL THEIR BATTLES; AND IN OUR PERSONAL AND SOCIETY RELATIONS, MAY WE ALL FEEL THAT

POUR NOUS LE TEMPLE DE MEMOIRE

EST DANS LES COEURS DE NOS AMIS.

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